



The Phenomenal Youth

Hey Youth!

Remember to check out the Hosanna Youth on the web at:
<http://www.hosannalutheran.org/youth/Youth.html>

For those of you that have had the pleasure of having an in-depth conversation with me, you've probably discovered that I have a thing for books. I absolutely love reading, and collect as many books as I can. It is my goal to one day have a small reading room in my house in which every wall is full of books from floor to ceiling. Well in order to have this many books, I definitely can't afford to purchase them new, so I go to a lot of used book sales. Here's the thing about used books—they often don't look very nice. Their covers are tattered, their pages yellowed and ripped; yet that doesn't change the treasured story they hold inside. People are a lot like books. Some of us have shiny, pretty covers, and some of us are a little more worn and frayed on the edges. Yet this doesn't change the person within. That's why it is important to try our best not to judge others by what we see. In our judgments of others, we often jump to conclusions based on stereotypes, without knowing the whole story. The Gospel of Matthew addresses this subject, stating: "Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure

you give will be the measure you get" (Matthew 7: 1-2). Be careful when you judge someone, because you may then be judged in the same way.

Now I'm not saying that all judging is wrong. Every day we must make judgments. We judge what to do in different situations, and we judge between right and wrong. But when you must judge, do it with an open mind. Look to God's word for guidance, use prayerful discernment, seek out the truth, and be merciful. Make sure not to hold others to higher standards than you hold yourself. People often judge by the flesh, but God judges by the spirit—the soul within—we should strive to do that too. Ask God for help in your judgments and it will be given: "If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you" (James 1: 5).

So when trying to control your judgments of others, keep yourself in-check and pray for guidance and discernment. God is there to help. And remember—don't judge a book by it's cover.

Many Blessings,
Lisa

Quote of the Month!

"Watch your thoughts; they become words. Watch your words; they become actions. Watch your actions; they become habits. Watch your habits; they become character. Watch your character; it becomes your destiny."
~ Frank Outlaw

"Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment."
~John 7: 24

June Calendar!

Summer Services: Sundays at 8:00 & 10:00 am, Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

6/2	7:00 pm	Youth Team Meeting
6/3	6:00 pm	Youth Softball vs. Redeemer at Slatterly Park
6/10	6:00 pm	Youth Softball vs. Pax Christi at Slatterly Park
6/14-19		Confirmation Camp at Good Earth Village
6/17	7:00 pm	Youth Softball vs. Gloria Dei at Slatterly Park
6/22-26	8:30-11:30am	Vacation Bible School
6/24		No Softball



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CONGRATULATIONS: HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

As this school year comes to a close, Hosanna takes time to honor our graduating seniors. You have blessed us with your wonderful personalities, your many gifts, and your abounding faith. As you go out into the world,



continue to find new ways to spread your gifts and grow in faith. Your Hosanna family will always be here, praying for you and cheering you on. Congratulations, Class of 2009!

Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed!

Calling all Hosanna Junior and Senior High Students!

We Need You!

What: Hosanna's Annual Vacation Bible School

When: June 22-26, 8:30-11:30 am

There are plenty of different volunteer positions still available. It means a ton to our kids and will be a great experience for you as well! Come see how fun volunteering can really be! Talk to any Bible Song/VBS coordinator or Lisa, or sign up on the poster in the Sunday School area if you're interested!

Coffee Talks!

Hey Hosanna Youth! Already bored because school is out? Well then, have I got a treat for you. How about coffee or ice cream on me? Give Lisa a call at 285-0092 or e-mail me at youth@hosannalutheran.org anytime to set up a time that works for you!



CONFIRMATION CAMP!

Hey there you wonderful incoming 8th grade youth!

Don't forget that Confirmation Camp in June 14-19 at Good Earth Village! This is going to be an amazing time, and we're so excited to share it with you! So take some time to prepare in prayer, and look for more information regarding packing and travel to be coming in the mail!

Cheer on the Hosanna Youth Softball Team!

The summer youth softball season is in full swing (no pun intended), and you are invited to come and watch the youth team play on Wednesday evenings throughout the summer! Hosanna has partnered up with Our Savior's Lutheran to form a church team. All games will be played at Slatterly Park in Southeast Rochester. Check the calendar on the reverse side for game times. As an added incentive—once a month Lisa will take the youth who attended the game out for ice cream afterward. What's better than a softball game and ice cream on a summer evening?! So come and cheer on the youth of Hosanna!

